(d) whether any survey has been conducted on the possible reasons for decrease in the number of tigers; and

(e) If so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to protect tiger from extinction?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) In the context of the reports that the census in Ranthambhore in 1992 was conducted under great limitations, it has been decided that the census be reverified during 1993 for firming up the figures.

(b) Yes, sir.

(c) The information is given in the enclosed Statement. [*See* below]

(d) No state Government has reported any net decrease in the number of tiger population.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

As per the last All India Tiger Census conducted in 1989 the total tiger population in the country is 4334 and the population in the Tiger Reserves is 1327 as per details given hereunder:

Sl. No.	Name of Tiger Reserve	Population of Tigers 1989
1.	Bandipur	50
2.	Corbett	91
3.	Kanha	97
4.	Manas	92
5.	Melghat	77
6.	Palamau	55
7.	Ranthambhore	44
8.	Simlipal	93
9.	Sunderbans	269
10.	Periyar	45
11.	Sariska	19
12.	Buxa	33
13.	Indravati	28
14.	Nagarjunsagar	94
15.	Namdapha	47
16.	Dudhwa	90
17.	Kalakad-Mundanthurai	22
18.	Valamiki	81
	TOTAL:	1327

Botanical Survey of India

255. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the annual expenditure of the Botanical Survey of India;

(b) how much is spent on the salaries and emoluments of its employees; and

(c) whether any analysis has been made on the work being done by the Botanical Survey?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The annual expenditure of the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) during the financial year 1990-91 was Rs. 5.78 crores.

(b) The total amount spent on salaries and emoluments of its employees during 1990-91 was Rs. 4.48 crores.

(c) A review of the functioning of the BSI was done in 1987 and its objectives and priorities have been redefined so as to achieve the targets by 2000 AD. Government have also constituted a Programme Advisory Committee to review the work being done by the BSI and its sister organisation, the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), and to suggest new areas of study and research.

Congress Grass in Maharashtra

256. SHRI RAMDEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of 'Congress Grass' in Maharashtra, the seed of which had come to India alongwith the PL 480 wheat imports;

(b) whether the Botanical Survey of India has made any eco-study about the problems created by this grass;